

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER, 1923-24

*Receipts*

Cash on hand, May 1, 1923.....	\$ 40.89
Annual dues for 1923.....	60.00
Annual dues for 1924.....	36.00
Interest on investment.....	21.25
Sale of publications.....	3.13
	\$161.27

*Expenditures*

Wilson Bulletin (1 active at \$2.50 and 41 associates at \$1.50)....	\$ 64.00
Postage, Office of Secretary.....	5.70
Balance on hand, May 1, 1924.....	91.57
	\$161.27

## HISTORY OF THE KENTUCKY ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

## 1923

Several bird-students from various parts of Kentucky met at the Seelbach Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky, on the afternoon of April 19, 1923, to discuss the plans for organizing a Kentucky Ornithological Society.

The Society was organized and the following officers were elected:  
President: Dr. L. O. Pindar, Versailles.

Vice-President: Mr. Brache C. Bacon, Madisonville.

Secretary and Treasurer: Gordon Wilson, Bowling Green.

Plans were adopted to seek affiliation with the Wilson Ornithological Club. A membership campaign was planned.

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held in Louisville during the Spring meeting of the Kentucky Educational Association.

## 1924.

The first annual meeting of the Kentucky Ornithological Society was held in Leather Room of Seelbach at Louisville, Kentucky, at 9:30 a. m., April 25, 1924.

The present officers were re-elected.

Members of Executive Committees were elected as follows: Professor Frank L. Rainey, Centre College, Danville; Miss Emilie Yunker, Director of School Gardens, Louisville; Mr. J. B. Cox, Murray State Normal School, Murray; Mrs. Merit O'Neal, Louisville, Historian of K. O. S.

A fine program was rendered, those taking part being: Mr. Carl D. Herdman, Bowling Green; Mr. Ben J. Blincoe, Dayton, Ohio; Miss Yunker, Louisville; Professor Gordon Wilson, Bowling Green; Mrs. Merit O'Neal, Louisville; Dr. Pindar, Versailles.

The Constitution was read and adopted.

The Society voted to affiliate with the Wilson Ornithological Club under a specified agreement, the articles of this affiliation being perfectly agreeable to both parties.

The Society went on record as being opposed to the wanton destruction of crows and other birds, the wholesale slaughter of which had been reported by a member.

The ammunition companies were held responsible for this deplorable destruction.

A committee was appointed to devise plans for the celebration of Bird Day in the Schools of Kentucky, to be held in connection with Arbor Day.

MRS. MERIT O'NEAL,  
Historian of Kentucky Ornithological Society.

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#### PROCEEDINGS OF THE KENTUCKY ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The first annual meeting of the Kentucky Ornithological Society was held at Louisville Friday, April 25, 1914, in the Leather Room of the Seelbach Hotel. Carl D. Herdman of Bowling Green gave a very unusual lecture on "Human Characteristics of Birds, or Birds as I Know Them." Mr. Herdman has spent several years making his suburban home a bird-paradise and knows birds as real personalities, Ben. J. Blincoe, Dayton, Ohio, Treasurer of the W. O. C., read an exhaustive study of "Birds of Nelson County", giving the records of his long period of years as a resident there. Mrs. Merit O'Neal of Louisville spoke on "Bird Study in the Public Schools" and advocated a Bird Day in the Schools. The society voted to petition the Governor of Kentucky to set such a day, to be celebrated in connection with Arbor Day. Miss Emilie Yunker, Director of School Gardens of Louisville, in speaking on "How School Children Make Friends with the Birds", told of the very successful hikes she has been conducting this year to Cherokee Park. Dr. L. Otley Pindar of Versailles gave an elaborate paper on "Bibliography of Kentucky Birds", reviewing especially the work of Alexander Wilson, Audubon, Pindar, Gordon Wilson, Bacon, Blincoe, and Beckham. Professor Gordon Wilson of Bowling Green told of his experiences in banding and showed several ways of keeping accurate and scientific records.

At the business session it was decided to hold the fall meeting at Bowling Green, on October 9 and 10. The evening of the ninth being given over to lectures and addresses, October tenth to be devoted to an early morning hike and outdoor breakfast, with two day-sessions. The society went on record as being opposed to the ammunition propaganda of the Du Pont Powder Company. The present officers were re-elected: President, Dr. L. Otley Pindar, Versailles; Vice-President, B. C. Bacon, Madisonville; Secretary-Treasurer, Professor Gordon Wilson, Bowling Green. Additional members of the Executive Committee are: Miss Emilie Yunker, Louisville; Professor Frank L. Rainey, Danville; and Mr. J. B. Cox, Murray. Mrs. Merit O'Neal, Louisville, was chosen Historian. In the first year of its existence the society has enrolled 12 affiliate members, 35 local members. The K. O. S. voted unanimously to affiliate with the W. O. C.